

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Applicant has rewritten claims 1, 13-18, canceled claims 4-8, 12 and added new claims 20-25. Favorable reconsideration of this application is, consequently, earnestly solicited in view of the following remarks. Applicant gratefully appreciates the examiner's comments that claims 2-18 contains allowable subject matter and that claim 19 is allowable.


Claim 1 was rejected under sec. 102b as being anticipated by Defreitas. This rejection is now moot since claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable features of former dependent claim 4.

Newly added claims 20-25 include the allowable subject matter from the claims that have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicant contends the references cannot be modified to incorporate the features of subject claims 1-3, 9-11 and 13-25 without utilizing Applicant's disclosure. The courts have consistently held that obviousness cannot be established by combining the teachings of the prior art to Applicant to produce the claimed invention, absent some teaching, suggestion, incentive or motivation supporting the combination.

In view of the foregoing considerations, it is respectfully urged that claims 1-3, 9-11 and 13-25 be allowed. Such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to contact the attorney at the below listed number.

Respectfully Submitted;


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